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(c) whether the opinions of the ex-presidents of each taluk board will be taken into consideration in forming the above divisions and, if so, to what extent?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Information has been called for.

Improvements to the causeway across the Pennar.

*843 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the causeway across the Pennar at Chennur in the Cuddapah district is in a very bad condition;

(b) whether at the Chennur end it is so low that every time when freshes are received deposits of silt form over it for a long distance and make it absolutely unfit for use almost all the time;

(c) whether the middle portion of the causeway is always full of very deep inundated ruts;

(d) whether the Government will consider the question of building a bridge across the Pennar at this spot; and

(e) if the answer to (d) should be in the negative, whether they will take immediate steps to raise the Chennur end of the causeway as also to use better methods and material for constructing the damaged portion in the middle?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) A copy of the President's report a, dated 18th November 1928, is placed on the table.

(d) & (e) The question of improving the causeway in accordance with the suggestions of the Superintending Engineer is under the consideration of the district board. The question of constructing a bridge at the place is for the district board to consider in the first instance.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government what the suggestions of the Superintending Engineer are in regard to this matter?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I am afraid I cannot give this information at present because I do not possess it."

Contributions by local bodies to institutions as the university.

*844 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have permitted any local body or local bodies to contribute money to any separate institutions such as a university?

A.—The question, it is understood, refers to contributions by local bodies to the Andhra University. The attention of Government has recently been drawn to a printed circular purporting to have been issued by the President, District Board, Guntur, the Chairmen of the Guntur and Bezwada Municipal Councils and others promising donations aggregating Rs. 15 lakhs to the Andhra University conditionally upon Bezwada being declared

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a Printed as Appendix V on page 527 infra.